

## **JBC Allocations Meeting**

**June 4, 2004**

Attendance: Kit Boesch, Human Services; Kerry Eagan, County Board; Corrie Keilty, Mayor's Office, Robin Mahoney, United Way; Annette McRoy, City Council; Deb Schorr, County Board; Ray Stevens, County Board; Terry Werner, City Council; and Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development.

Ray Stevens, chair, called the meeting to order. It was noted that Kerry Eagan is a board member of Lincoln Action Program and Annette McRoy is a board member of Matt Talbot and Outreach. Terry Werner had previously served on the DayWatch Board. They sustained from voting on these agencies applications.

Kit reviewed the Emergency Updates prior to beginning the Joint Budget Committee Review. She noted on May 27<sup>th</sup> the DayWatch Board voted to dissolve the agency on June 30, 2004, due to financial challenges beyond their means. She then discussed the opening of the People's City Mission Day Shelter. She requested the City/County dollars (\$2,500) from the last quarter be used for low income bus passes for this population for two months. Discussion followed. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that Kit explores the best use of \$2,500 towards the transportation for the DayWatch population out to the Mission.

Kit then discussed the current \$10,000 request from Day Watch. She recommended holding these funds for services to the homeless clientele such as a payee program or case management. Discussion followed. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to hold the \$10,000 in reserve until the needs are identified and a proper provider comes forward.

Kit noted that the Good Neighbor Center has applied for their 501c3 letter and therefore is a legal recipient for JBC funds.

Finally she noted that United Way has cut the Indian Center \$18,500 (from \$51,352 to \$32,760). In addition to lack of budget clarity, the proposal submitted disregarded all technical assistance provided last year, and participation in the community has been very little. Her recommendation reflects the same.

JBC/United Way allocation discussions began.

### Basic and Emergency Needs: Short Term (5) – Annette McRoy.

The League of Human Dignity serves over 400 clients in Independent Living. Barrier Removal helps people stay in their homes. All funds stay in Lancaster County. Recommends funding: \$66,500.

Lincoln Action Program has three programs. Annette questioned why an agency had \$52,000 under professional fees. Kit said she could speculate—but will call Brian Mathers, CEO, and find out. She would also like Lincoln Action Program to document the number of evictions they have prevented, this next year. Kit will write that in as a request when their contracts are done. Recommends funding: \$106,750.

Madonna operates the Medical Transportation Program in Lincoln and the JBC would be a partner in this project. Recommends funding: \$25,000.

Hispanic Community Center serves over 850 clients, many non English speaking. They requested \$34,250 but Annette agreed with \$25,000 because of our overall lack of funds.

Volunteer Partners is a new applicant. Several noted the significant contribution to the Hallam tragedy that occurred. Discussion followed. It was suggested to sent aside \$5,000 and ask them to come in with a more acceptable grant focus for consideration.

### Basic and Emergency Needs: Long Term (3) – Deb Schorr

The Indian Center appears to be very weak in its financial record keeping (see audit comments). In reading the team comments the Indian Center was unsatisfactory in financial management, their application, and answering team questions; and their caseload of 75 is unrealistic for the staffing. This combined with lack of participation in the community; Deb agreed with a reduction in funding to \$7,500 and requested it to have the same contingencies of monitoring required by United Way.

Lincoln Literacy Council works with many of our new American population; \$5,000 well spent.

Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach serves 100,000 meals per year to homeless clients in Lincoln. They have been assisting DayWatch clientele when DayWatch is closed. They do outreach and serve food. Recommend funding: \$10,000.

#### Basic and Emergency Needs: Shelter (6) – Marc Wullschleger

Cedars Youth Emergency Shelter Services includes the Crisis Nursery and Freeway Station. They are a well run agency meeting a critical need. Recommend funding: \$275,000.

Cedars Teaching and Learning with Children (TLC) also a well run agency and meets a critical need. Recommend funding: \$85,000.

Day Watch—we reaffirmed setting aside \$10,000 for payee and/or case management for homeless clients.

Fresh Start has really improved as an agency. They provide Transitional Services for Women, many out of the criminal justice system. There is generally a waiting list. Recommend funding: \$10,000.

Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (LMEP), Pathways to Self Sufficiency has been successful and should be awarded \$21,000 as requested.

The People's City Mission, our largest emergency short/long term, again requested \$35,000. They provide a most valuable service in the community.

#### Basic and Emergency Needs: Food (2) – Kit Boesch

Only had two agencies—the Good Neighbor Center at \$55,000 and Lincoln Interfaith Council Food Pantry System requesting \$7,500 serve this community well. These are vitally important services we cannot do without.

#### Family Violence (7) – Kit Boesch

This was a pilot project addressing seven agencies involved in Family Violence Prevention/Intervention. The agencies collectively discussed priorities and funding. Their collective recommendation is: \$350,290. JBC approved this based on approximately a three percent increase.

Kit noted that if Friendship Home were to receive funding which included a City living wage, they would be requesting \$18,000 more; and the Family Violence Council \$2,347.

#### Behavioral Health – Youth (5) – Kerry Eagan

The YWCA Survival Skills served 77-80 girls each year and is truly a key prevention/intervention program. Recommend funding as requested: \$34,320.

St. Monica's is one of the only exclusive female adolescent programs in Lincoln. They seek no increase at \$15,000.

CenterPointe—Youth Residential “appears” expensive at \$273/day but is still much cheaper than a hospital. For \$32,270 it's a bargain.

Child Guidance Outpatient is not seeking an increase at \$30,000 but there was a question on how this relates to other County Child Guidance programs. Next year they will be asked to document the number served, hours, and specific services.

Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs is our key prevention center for the County. They are seeking additional dollars to cover Otto Schultz, the Substance Abuse Action Coalition Coordinator. Recommendation: \$37,000.

#### Behavioral Health – Family (2) – Kerry Eagan

Several members questioned the actual differences between the two programs. They appear to be similar. While they are a cornerstone agency, the agency appears to have a budget of over \$10 million. Discussion followed. Kit suggested that if the JBC was uncomfortable with an increase, this could be conveyed to Family Service and the allocation could remain stable. The group agreed. CFAS (\$18,000) and Child/Family Behavioral Health (\$158,000) = \$176,000 awarded.

#### Behavioral Health – Adult (5) – Ray

CenterPointe is our cornerstone agency for substance abuse treatment. They continue to have waiting lists and all service reports are excellent. Recommend funding: \$317,175.

Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs serves over 400 clients per year with evaluations. This is a service the community requested for neutrality and it's obviously well used. Recommend funding: \$5,000

Houses of Hope provide transitional living services for persons coming out of substance abuse treatment. They are seeking a small increase to \$47,138.

St. Monica's is seeking the same allocation as last year for their Day Treatment Program and the Therapeutic Community Program for women. The total allocation would be \$45,000 and there is good reason to continue these services. The Therapeutic Community serves 25 women.

OASIS is a program focusing on Offender Accountability. It is a new program at this table although it's been operating for a number of years. Discussion followed. It was determined to recommend this agency contact Kim Etherton, Lancaster County Community Corrections, to see if she feels this is an appropriate fit for her program. Request is denied.

#### Youth Development – Asset Building (4) – Corrie Keilty

Family Service conducts a Community Learning Center program and is seeking over double the amount of last year. While the Community Learning Center's are valuable, three percent has been an established increase so Corrie agreed with funding at \$22,500.

Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters is a national best practice program which has long waiting lists. They have provided outstanding services, do fundraising, and work collaboratively in the youth development area. Recommend funding: \$30,000.

Willard Community Center is seeking \$7,500 to operate their ongoing peer program. This is no increase and the program works well. Recommend funding: \$7,500.

Both the Lincoln Interfaith Council and the Asian Community and Cultural Center have submitted proposals. Discussion followed on history and current status of the agencies. For many years Lincoln Interfaith Council submitted grants for both agencies. The co-mingling of staff, programs, facility, and budget are being separated and each will soon have a very separate identity. That said each agency was awarded \$10,000 toward their agency programming.

#### Youth Development – Education (4) – Terry Werner

The LEO Tutoring Program works with many youth at risk of not completing school. Many are minority youth and volunteerism is significant. They are asking for the same as last year, \$20,000.

Lighthouse provides an after school program for older kids. They have an extremely diverse clientele. They are seeking no increase at \$20,000.

Malone Center's Youth Enrichment Program is wonderful to see. We would like to see it operate for one year before considering any increases. Recommend funding: \$35,000.

The YWCA Parents Center is seeking a slight increase. In FY 2002-03 they served 57 young moms and 65 of their children with an incredible (5%) success rate preventing further teen pregnancy. Recommend funding: \$26,000.

Kit also noted that while there has not been a formal presentation, it is being recommended to award the UNL/Public Policy Center (CSI-Lincoln) \$70,000 (\$35,000 City and \$35,000 County). All agreed this was the amount discussed.

It was moved and seconded to ratify the recommendations made by the JBC members with the exceptions noted in minutes. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Terry applauded Kit's work on this process and said "job well done"—all concurred.

The Common will approve the JBC recommendations on July 6, 2004, and forward their recommendations to each body. The City Council and the County Board will then adopt these in their final budget process by August. Contracts for 2004-05 will be forwarded to agencies at that time.

Corrie handed out some of the most recent information on the status of expanded gambling petitions in Nebraska.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 9, 2004, at 8:15 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room.

Terry moved the meeting be adjourned, Corrie seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Boesch  
Human Services Administrator